



Family Forums FAQs

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Instruction & Learning Scenario Questions

What if I don't feel that I have enough information to make an educated choice?

Please reach out to your building principal for more information.

Technology: Will my student receive a device to use at home?

All students will be provided a chromebook regardless of the instructional model selected (face to face, hybrid, virtual).

Grading: Will kids be getting grades?

Grades will return to the normal system that the District used prior to the March school closure.

Is there a maximum number of students that will be put in each class with face-to-face or hybrid.

Instructional models should follow current class sizes. Elementary class sizes are approximately 20-24 students per classroom and at the middle school there are approximately 28 students per classroom. Class sizes in the hybrid model will be reduced by 50% based on alternative schedules for each cohort.

What are you doing for kids that have speech?

Speech and other related services will still be fulfilled based on the IEP. The services may be face-to-face or virtual based on the therapist and student.

What will the plan be for 4K that is held at the Rec Center and Dream Center?

This will be dependent on the number of students in each instructional model. We will be prioritizing centers with wraparound to be face-to-face.

Will the number of days a student can miss school be changed?

No, not at this time. The district attendance policy is being reviewed.

If at some point we go back to "normal" school - will our students be placed back into their original teacher's class?

We will re-evaluate the plan every trimester/quarter.

Face To Face Instruction Questions:

Face to Face: If school is shut down or their cohort needs quarantine, will these students be set up for virtual beforehand to make an easier transition?

Yes

Face to Face: Is it planned to still have "specials" (gym/art/music/etc)?

Yes, all instructional models will have gym, art and music and other electives. These classes will be facilitated by a HJT1 teacher virtually or face-to-face through modifications to lessons and the learning environment.

Face to Face: For younger children (e.g. Kindergarten), did the district consider a half day option where students can be in school until lunch time and finish the day virtually? Having a face covering all day is tough for very young children.

Half day Kindergarten is not an option with bussing and staff limitations. Feedback from families, staff and the community shaped the instructional model options. The District Steering Committee developed the reopening plan using a focus group to process data and health guidance from local and national organizations.

Face to Face: Will face to face teachers also be teaching the hybrid model at the same time?

Some Applied & Fine Arts teachers (music, art, PE, etc) may teach both options, but at different times of the day and week or in different formats.

Face to Face: With the cohort model, will the students be switching classes/teachers or remain in the same room with the same teacher?

At the elementary level, students remain in their cohort for the day with their classroom teacher. Applied and Fine Arts will be accessed virtually or face-to-face in a modified learning environment. [See Middle School Questions for more information.](#)

Face to Face: Will the library still be available?

Library specials will take place in the classroom. Students will be able to reserve books online from the library and they will be delivered to the classroom. Our youngest students will learn how to do this as appropriate, but may also have time in the library to select books under rigorous safety standards.

Face to Face: Are the face to face classrooms going to be recorded/on video?

There would be no reason for the face-to-face classroom to be recorded unless it is shut down then facilitation would go virtual.

Face to Face: Will the teacher be able to have to own books in the classroom?

Books will be in the classroom; however, they will not be shared. Books in the classroom and in the library will be quarantined for three days before another student can access them.

Face to Face: If a child is in the face-to-face model, and for some reason they are 'not feeling well due to allergies etc.', can they join the option B virtual classroom for the day?

In the event that the amount of time is lengthy the student would be able to learn virtually.

Face to Face: Will there be time between classes that they can get up and move around for face to face?

Yes, teachers will schedule breaks as part of their daily schedules.

Face to Face: Will students follow a normal school day schedule?

Yes, the district will follow a normal day bell schedule.

Hybrid Questions:

Hybrid: How will virtual learning work for the hybrid model?

In the hybrid model, the weeks students are at home, they will use their Chromebook to access live teacher facilitated lessons based on the daily classroom schedule. Students will not be on a computer the entire day, they will be accessing critical content and have the flexibility to complete assignments throughout the day.

Hybrid: What sort of guidance will children need from parents in the hybrid model?

The amount of guidance needed from an adult will depend on the age and attention span of the student.

Hybrid: If the child is out for the day due to vacation or sickness, can they still do virtual even if it is during their scheduled in-school week?

Yes, live lessons will be recorded for when students are occasionally not in attendance.

Hybrid: How many students are in a cohort?

Face to face weeks in the hybrid model have half the number of students in the classroom each week. Parents can anticipate about 10-12 students for the elementary schools and about 14 students at the Middle School.

Hybrid: Is there an option for students to do a self paced virtual in the "at home" week?

No, the Hybrid models virtual learning is designed for real time teacher facilitated lessons. Due dates for assignments and pacing are set by the classroom teacher.

Hybrid: Can siblings be on opposite a/b weeks?

Siblings will be on the same a/b schedule unless requested to be opposite by the parent.

Hybrid: Is the virtual program contracted?

Virtual programming is facilitated by Hartford Jt. 1 teachers.

Hybrid: Can a parent choose to watch/rewatch the class to help the student?

In the classes that are recorded, yes.

Hybrid: What are the ratios for hybrid option for 4k?

4K Hybrid face-to-face student numbers would be about 8-9 students

Hybrid: Will there actual cameras in the classroom for real time instruction?

Teachers will use their camera on their chromebook or a stand alone camera, whichever works best for the classroom.

Hybrid: Are children with the same teacher online at the home week?

Hybrid students will have the same teacher while learning at home and learning at school.

Virtual Learning Questions

Virtual: Will it be similar to the spring virtual that was provided?

No, the virtual learning options are not similar to the spring. The self-paced virtual option allows students the flexibility to progress through a course at their own pace with occasional teacher check ins. The instructor-guided virtual option provides real time teacher facilitated lessons following a daily class schedule.

Virtual: If we choose virtual learning, are we doing this all year if we choose or do the kids have to go back at some point in time this year?

The District is anticipating having all instructional models available for the school year.

Virtual: Will there be a prep course to get virtual kids prepared before school starts

The first few days of school students will be onboarded in whatever instructional model they are in - parents will also have an opportunity to learn how to navigate webware.

Virtual: How will music, gym, and art happen for virtual?

Virtual students will access music, gym, and art online.

Virtual: How will it look at the 4k level?

4K students are able to participate in virtual option B only. They would use a Chromebook to access real time teacher facilitated lessons. The amount of parent support depends on the individual child.

Virtual: Will the students see other students during instruction, or just the teacher?

Virtual sessions will focus on the teacher and instructional content.

Virtual: Will we get all the workbooks and all the required materials ahead of time?

Computers and materials will be available for pick up before school starts.

Virtual: How will this look for students with an IEP?

Students will work with their case managers to ensure that their IEP programming is met. This may mean virtually completing their specialized instruction and related service minutes.

Virtual: Will headphones be provided for virtual students?

Headphones are on the class supply lists so each student should have headphones.

Self Paced Virtual: Do they need specific school supplies at home?

Students will receive a Chromebook and materials for virtual option B. School supply lists for each instructional model are available on the District website: <https://www.hjt1.org/parents/supply-lists>

Self Paced Virtual: Will there be cameras in the classroom for virtual option B?

A variety of technology will be used in virtual option B including: teacher chromebook cameras, standalone cameras, and streaming from WhiteBoards to provide real time instruction. Schoology and SeeSaw will be the virtual platforms used for all the learning materials.

Self Paced Virtual: In the self paced model are the check ins and assignments pre-scheduled?

The teacher will work with the family to schedule check-ins. These will happen during regular school hours.

Self Paced Virtual: Will teachers be available to help parents/students with questions? During regular school hours, how quickly would questions be able to be answered?

Teachers will be available to support students during regular school hours. Questions will be answered as quickly as possible.

Self Paced Virtual: Are we going to keep using Google Meets to meet up with teachers during virtual learning?

We will be using Google Meets and Zoom. Teachers will select the platform that works best for the learning they have planned for the day.

Health & Safety Questions

Will all these health guidelines still be in place if a vaccine is found?

In the event of an approved COVID-19 vaccine, we will notify parents if our policies and guidelines change.

Health Screenings

Are negative covid tests required to return to school?

Not at this time. If a student has a fever above 100.4 they would need to stay home for 72 hours.

How will the symptoms be monitored/evaluated?

We will work with families to understand your student's medical needs to come up with a plan that is safest for all. Increased PPE and social distancing may be necessary.

Will teachers be the ones taking temperatures twice a day with non contact meters?

Teachers or paraprofessionals will be taking student temperatures upon arrival to the classroom and after lunch. The thermometers are non-contact temporal thermometers.

Will the temperature screening wait for at least 10 minutes with the students seated to prevent false positives and negatives?

We will ensure that the students are calm and close to their baseline temperature prior to screening. We will also wait 10 to 15 seconds in between students to ensure the thermometer can get back to normal.

Face Coverings

Please see the Governor's Emergency Order regarding face coverings as this mandate will impact face coverings in schools through September 28, 2020.

Governor Ever's Emergency Rule Regarding Face Coverings

Once this order is lifted, the District will resume the following expectations:

- Staff: Required when within six feet of a student or staff member and when in common areas.
- Students: Face coverings are expected in areas when distancing is difficult including: classrooms, bus, common areas, restrooms, arrival, and dismissal.

Physical Distancing

At lunch and recess will the kids be able to socialize with their peers?

Lunch will be in the classroom where students can talk to each other from their desks. Kids will be able to play with each other at recess within their cohorts in a large assigned area.

Will face to face students be in a separate area of the school than hybrid? Will the students be crossing paths at all?

Students from different cohorts should not be interacting. Recess will be staggered throughout the day and breakfast/lunch delivered to rooms with the expectation students eat in the classroom.

Suspected or Confirmed Cases / Quarantine

What happens when a child/teacher is found to have COVID and the cohort is exposed?

We will be collaborating with Washington Ozaukee County Health Department to complete contact tracing and analysis of safety measures in place. If a student or staff is found to be COVID positive we would quarantine that class and any other class in which there was contact for 10 to 14 days. At this point, students would learn virtually through the synchronous model with their teacher. If their teacher is sick, instruction may be with another teacher.

Will the district be informing all parents if a student or teacher tests positive in the school?

A letter will go home via email or backpack informing parents of a positive case within the building. Due to confidentiality, we will not be able to specify the classroom or the grade-level. Families may be able to deduce if their student was exposed due to the need for quarantine.

Will you be notifying area daycares as well if there is a positive case in a school building?

The county health department will be notifying organizations of positive tests.

What is the protocol if a teacher that is traveling from class to class would test positive for COVID?

We will be collaborating with Washington Ozaukee County Health Department to complete contact tracing and analysis of safety measures in place. Multiple classrooms may be quarantined due to the amount of contact.

If we are going on vacation, do we need to quarantine 14 days before and 14 days after?

Not at this time.

What if a parent is deemed an essential worker and is frequently caring for COVID patients but utilizes all safety measures, are the children considered exposed?

Not at this time. If the parent tests positive for COVID, then the children would be considered exposed.

If for some reason the child is quarantined for 72 hours or more can the student do virtual learning at that time?

For students that are out for a couple days or quarantined, learning is expected to continue. Students will be able to access school assignments through an online learning management system.

Cleaning Procedures

What are the cleaning protocols?

UV and lysol machines were purchased to complete nightly sanitation of the building (classrooms, hallways, restrooms etc.). There will be periodic cleaning during the school day in between student use and in common areas (ex: wiping down entrance/exit doors and restrooms). There will be cleaning in between any use of shared objects.

Will students be able to wash hands with soap?

Yes, students will be washing their hands upon arrival to school, before and after lunch, before dismissal, and after restroom use. Gallon bottles of hand sanitizer will also be available throughout the building.

Food Service / Meals

Can students go in early for breakfast?

No, if students are having breakfast at school, it will be delivered to the classroom.

How will lunch time be handled with the social distancing?

Lunch will be eaten within classroom cohorts. If a school lunch has been purchased, it will be delivered to the classroom.

Will the students have the option of bringing their own lunch or a school supplied lunch?

Yes.

How will you cohort kids with allergies?

We will notify families of peanut free rooms. Students with allergies will eat in a separate part of the room during snack and lunch. They will be surrounded by hot lunches from the school to ensure safety.

Are teachers helping the young children with their lunches, touching containers, food, etc.?

Yes, they would. They will wash their hands frequently. We encourage parents to send containers and lunch items in which students can open independently.

Will there be a la carte at lunch?

No, there will be a set lunch menu each day.

Transportation / Busing

Do you prefer parents to drop off their students instead of having them ride the bus?

Yes, if they are able.

Will kids from the same neighborhood be in the same cohorts? Otherwise how could they sit together on the bus?

Bussing will not determine cohorts.

What Will School Look Like FAQs?

Preparing For The School Year

Will schools be holding an Open House & School Pictures?

The District is still coordinating this process. At this time, we anticipate Open House will primarily be for those students who have selected face to face or hybrid instruction to allow them to drop off supplies. Pictures will be conducted during the school year. More information will be provided.

Will a list of supplies needed for each option be provided?

Yes, an updated school supply list for each instructional model is available on the District website:

<https://www.hjt1.org/parents/supply-lists>

Will the students be using their lockers or will they be keeping their book bags with them in the class?

Book bags will be with students in class.

Drop Off & Dismissal

In the mornings when parents drop off students, are the students allowed to go to the playgrounds or do they have to wait in vehicles?

Students will not be allowed to play on the playgrounds before school. They will have an assigned cohort area to wait until school doors open.

After School Activities

Will the boys and girls club be open before and after school?

Boys and girls club will be open after school for grades K-5 at Lincoln Elementary. There is no morning session available for the Boys & Girls Club. There will be a discussion on offering Boys and Girls Club at Rossman. This will be communicated further.

Are after school activities available this year?

After school activities have been suspended. Boys and Girls Club is considered a service and will continue services after school for grades K-5 at Lincoln. There are talks currently on offering Boys and Girls Club at Rossman.

Will students in outside activities together (e.g. sports, dance) be in cohort groups together in order to limit exposure to others?

Activities and/or clubs outside of the district have to establish their own health and safety guidelines.

Middle School Questions:

Middle School: My child will be taking 8th grade and 7th grade classes, how would the cohort work for a hybrid classroom?

Your child would access accelerated 7th and 8th grade classes virtually while in his/her cohort classroom. Teachers will be setting up work areas for this type of situation so students are able to concentrate and engage with the real time virtual class.

What is considered a full class size at the middle school?

Class sizes at Central are approximately 28 students. Classroom furniture and other items will be removed to

provide as much distancing as possible.

- **With 28 students are they in cubicle-like desks?**

No, however the district is looking at purchasing foldable desk barriers for all students.

How will you social distance students in a class of 28 at the middle school?

We will be removing unnecessary furniture and spreading out as much as we can to increase distance.

Will there be any sort of "jump start" programs for families new to CMS?

Mr. Viste will send out information to incoming families regarding information to prepare the 6th graders for middle school.

How are you dealing with kids in the same cohort with different electives?

Different electives will be conducted virtually. In addition:

- Physical Education will be face-to-face for students attending school Face-to-Face or Hybrid models
- Band and orchestra students will receive 1:1 or small group lessons by cohort

Middle School: What is the plan for students in the accelerated math program?

Students taking courses at the high school have two choices: the first is to access high school courses virtually in real time from their cohort at Central; the second is to attend classes face-to-face at the high school and then access middle school courses virtually from home. Students will not be allowed to cross over and attend face-to-face in two different districts.

Middle School: How will middle school band/orchestra/choir be run within the cohort classes?

Band, orchestra and choir will be virtual or face-to-face in a modified learning environment to enhance safety.

Middle School: When our children chose the STEM electives it was to get hands-on experience, how will students get this instruction with the current plan?

STEM programming uses Project Lead The Way (PLTW). This program has modified instruction for the virtual environment and face-to-face instruction as needed.

Middle School: Will there still be LLI at Central or how will that work

Yes, LLI will be provided to students in a push-in model within their cohort.